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Silver City Lumber Company and SurgiCenter Receive SHARP Award

(HELENA)--- The Montana Department of Labor and Industry today presented Silver City Lumber Company of Three Forks and SurgiCenter of Helena with a Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) certificate.

"Montana has a limited number of SHARP recipients - putting Silver City Lumber and the SurgiCenter in an exclusive group," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly. "Their leadership in occupational safety and health exemplifies their commitment to their employees and, most importantly, to their families."

SHARP recognizes small, private sector employers in high-hazard industries that have developed, implemented and continue to maintain an exemplary safety and health management system.

- Silver City Lumber trims and shapes a variety of soft wood at their planer mill in Three Forks. The mill has two resaws, a planer, two kilns, a blade sharpening shop and a lumber-wrapping process. Their management team addresses hazards whether or not they are regulated by government standards.
- The Helena SurgiCenter is a privately owned outpatient surgical center with two operating rooms located within the St. Peters' Hospital complex. With a staff of 24 employees, the SurgiCenter has maintained an excellent safety and health record.

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"With this recognition these companies are exempt from OSHA's programmed inspections for a two-year period¹," said Kelly.

According to DLI safety consultant Carl Crouse, who has been instrumental in advising all SHARPs designees, "The SHARP designation is one of (federal) OSHA's highest awards."

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¹Silver City Lumber and SurgiCenter are now exempt from OSHA's programmed inspections until February 2007.